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New bicycle, pedestrian trails under construction in 2014 will improve regional connections

A new trail set for construction this summer along County Road 101 has Don and LindaSue Amundson of Shakopee pumped.

The avid cyclists, who both work in Bloomington, often commute by bike from their downtown Shakopee home, riding along 101's wide shoulder. But soon, the extension of the Minnesota Valley State Trail from Memorial Park to the Bloomington Ferry Bridge will provide the Amundsons a safer route to work.

"This new trail is really important to us because it gets us off the highway," said LindaSue.

This summer, Scott County plans to construct the 4.2-mile trail extension along the north side of County Road 101, making it possible for bicyclists to enjoy a paved ride from Carver into Bloomington. North of the river, the City of Bloomington is also adding an off-road bicycle trail in 2014 from the Bloomington Ferry Road Trailhead to Hyland Lake Park Reserve.

"[The County Road 101 trail] will be great for families who want to go for a ride," said Paul Ruthenbeck, owner of Paul's Bicycle Repair Shop in downtown Shakopee. "I think it's a huge bonus [for the community] because it's a really nice ride."

The Amundsons, who take their kids to daycare in a double-wide bike trailer, plan to take advantage of the new trail for family expeditions, too. They hope to bike out to Valleyfair for son Seaver's 4th birthday in June.



Bicyclists and pedestrians will soon have more options with new trail connections planned for the Minnesota Valley State Trail and Quarry Lake Park.

STAY INFORMED

Find updates on parks and trail development on the city website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/parkdevelopment

Accessing the Minnesota Valley State Trail at Memorial Park will be much easier this summer, too. The City plans to build a trail link from Sarazin Street to the west end

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Cover Photo: SandVenture Aquatic Park draws swimmers and beach lovers to its unique sand-bottomed pool. The park opens June 7.

City Calendar

April	1	Winter parking regulations end.
	12	Easter Egg Hunt , 11 a.m., Shakopee Community Center
	21-25	Severe Weather Awareness Week. Tornado drills at 1:45 and 6:55 p.m. April 24
	26	Clean Up Day , 7:30-11:30 a.m., Shakopee Public Works
May	14	Shakopee Open Book Meeting , 1-7 p.m., Scott County Taxation Department
	26	Memorial Day , City offices and Community Center closed.
June	5	Wheelies Expo and Bike Ride , 5-7 p.m., Huber Park
	7	SandVenture Aquatic Park opens for the summer.
	17	County Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting , 6:30 p.m., Scott County Courthouse
	27	Happy Birthday America! parade , 10:30 a.m., Lions Park
July	4	Fourth of July , City offices and Community Center closed; SandVenture opens at 11 a.m.
	20	Summer Splash Bash , noon-4 p.m., SandVenture Aquatic Park
	30-Aug. 3	Shakopee Derby Days: Movie in the Park, Summer Carnival, Senior Olympics, Splashtacular, Turtle Derby and more.
August	5	Shakopee Night to Unite , 5-9 p.m.

Message from the Mayor

Recently, I had the great opportunity to tour the Emerson Process Management facility where up to 220 construction workers are working each day to have the space ready for April. It was incredible to see the transformation that the 500,000 square feet of space has undergone after sitting empty for more than 13 years.

Emerson Process Management is only one of the great Shakopee stories our community has to tell. Each day, I hear more good news and want to share a few of the stories:

- A friend thanked me at a 4-year-old's birthday party for the City's work to bring Shutterfly to town. His story is that his brother got a job at Shutterfly, bought a house in Dean Lakes and is moving back to Minnesota after living in Arizona for more than a decade.
- Economic Development Coordinator Samantha DiMaggio and I recently met with Peggy Lovejoy, a local entrepreneur planning to open a downtown realty business because of the phenomenal potential she sees in our community and our historic downtown corridor. Bradley Reiland is also opening a new business downtown.
- Kevin O'Brien, a phenomenal Shakopee community member and owner of Greystone Construction, wrote me a wonderful note. The Voyager Bank Building, which he owns and manages on Marschall Road, is fully leased for the first time in years. Recovery Technology Solutions has leased a large space and Shutterfly has taken the remaining space.

These are but a few of the stories I hear every day. I am extremely proud of the work we are doing together in Shakopee and our investments are beginning to pay off. Local businesses are starting to see new customers come through their doors, home values are increasing, townhomes are selling, park dedication money is flowing in from new developments, a brewery is coming to town and, most importantly, more high-wage jobs are being created here to meet the needs of our Shakopee workforce and allow you to both live AND work here at home.

Now is the time for a career in Shakopee. The opportunities are here for you and I encourage you to look for them!

Brad



Mayor Brad Tabke

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New look, better features

City launches redesigned website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov

If you haven't been to the City website for awhile, it's time to log on.

A redesigned website launched in January is making it easier for citizens to connect with the City. ShakopeeMN.gov features a fresh look, improved navigation, mobile compatibility, updated content and new interactive tools.

"As the number of visitors to the City website increases, it's important the site serves the needs of the community by making information easy to find while also showcasing the amenities, attractions, services and businesses Shakopee offers," says Mayor Brad Tabke.

The new-look website has been overhauled so that residents, visitors and businesses can conveniently access the city information they're seeking. The site is also mobile-friendly with an adjustable screen resolution to fit smartphones, tablets, laptops and other devices.

As part of the change, the City adopted a new URL address and staff emails changed to the ShakopeeMN.gov domain.

The new site was built by Vision Internet, a national leader in government website



development. The year-long redesign project cost \$28,000 and replaced the City's site that had been around since 2007.

To assist with developing the new site, the City also formed a Citizens Website Task Force, which offered input and feedback along the way.

"We're really thankful for the members of the Citizens Task Force who served as the resident voice throughout the process and helped create a website that both sets a positive first impression of Shakopee and serves our community's needs," Tabke says.

By the Numbers...

216,428

Visits to City website in 2013,
up 21 percent from 2012

27.7%

Visitors who came to website
through an Apple or Android device

1,702

Most visits on a single day in
2013 - Nov. 5 Election Day

EIGHT THINGS TO DO ON CITY WEBSITE

1. Subscribe to **eNotifications** for email updates.
2. Report problems to City staff through **Service Request**.
3. Locate a business in the **Business Directory** - or submit your own.
4. Add City events and meetings to your **Calendar** with one click.
5. Find fun things to do under the **Visitors** tab.
6. View **Agendas, Minutes and Videos** from City meetings.
7. Register online for a **Parks & Recreation program**.
8. Browse the City's **Photo Galleries**.

Bond rating receives 'positive outlook'

The City was assigned an updated bond rating in December. Moody's Investors Services maintained the City's Aa2 rating with a "positive outlook." This is based on the City's healthy financial operations, strong fund reserves, manageable debt obligation, strong development and growth and reversal of negative property valuation trends.

A strong bond rating is beneficial because it may lower the City's interest rate on future borrowing.

City officials' salaries

Minnesota Statute 471.701 requires that "a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of the three highest-paid employees." For the City of Shakopee, titles and salaries are: City Administrator \$131,064; Police Chief \$115,003; and Community Development Director, Public Works Director/City Engineer and Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Director \$113,135.

News & Notes

A new trail under County Road 101 will connect Memorial Park and Sarazin Street by running under the County Road 101 bridge alongside the Mill Pond on the western edge of the park.



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of the park. The trail will go underneath County Road 101 by the Mill Pond so that bicyclists and pedestrians no longer have to cross County Road 101 traffic to reach the park.

The trail will run along Cavanaugh Drive and under the existing 101 bridge, passing by Faribault Springs, natural springs named after Shakopee's first white settler.

"It's a really nice area down there by the Mill Pond," said Public Works Director Bruce Loney.

The City was also awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) earlier this year to construct a new trail near the undeveloped Quarry Lake Park. Slated for construction in 2015, the park was previously inaccessible to the public until Emerson Process Management purchased the long-vacant ADC building in 2013 and required public street access via construction of Innovation Boulevard. The new street also provided a connection to Quarry Lake.

The SMSC grant will help fund a trail connection from Quarry Lake Park to 12th Avenue. Completion is planned for 2014.

Also scheduled for construction later this year is a new multiuse trail across the

Minnesota River in downtown Shakopee. The 10-foot-wide trail is part of the new Highway 101 river bridge, which is being expanded to four lanes beginning this summer.

"Anything that connects us, that's the biggest thing. The community is getting bigger, and there will be more bikers."

Paul Ruthenbeck
Owner of Paul's Bike Shop

The trail will connect Shakopee to regional trails north of the river by running alongside the new bridge. Ruthenbeck said the new trail should not only be safer than the current option (riding on the poorly lit highway shoulder), but also will allow bicycle commuters to connect directly to the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional LRT Trail,

which connects all the way to downtown Minneapolis.

The Highway 101 trail, which will connect to the Holmes Street Bridge, is planned to open in late 2015.

In the southern part of the City, Scott County is adding a similar trail along Marschall Road as it completes the County Road 17 upgrade. Pedestrian and bicycle trails will run from St. Francis Avenue up to the Valley Creek Crossing housing development off County Road 78.

While trail users would like to see additional connections and options around the City, especially to the south, they say the new trails scheduled for construction

SOUTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

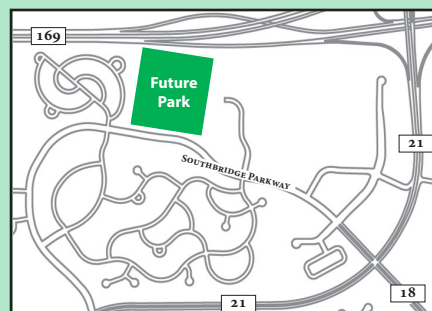
Naturalists and dog owners alike will enjoy the new trails at Southbridge Community Park, which is scheduled for construction this summer.

Current design plans for the park, located off Southbridge Parkway, call for looped trails, hockey rink, warming house, parking lot and the community's first dog park.

The dog park will feature an all-breed park area of approximately 10 acres and a smaller .5-acre area for small-breed dogs only. A fee may be required to access the dog park. The City is currently pursuing a potential partnership with Three Rivers Park District to ensure a consistent fee program in all Scott County dog parks.

The City Council is expected to award park construction bids in April.

"The development of Southbridge Community Park has been anticipated for a long time. We are excited to have this opportunity to develop a park that includes amenities for the community, such as trails and the highly desired dog park, within a naturally wooded area," said Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Director Jamie Polley.



this year will help make Shakopee a more bike-friendly community.

"Anything that connects us, that's the biggest thing," Ruthenbeck said. "The community is getting bigger, and there will be more bikers."

Shakopee Transit negotiating possible merger with MVTA

Talks continue to move forward regarding a possible merger of transit services among Shakopee Transit, Prior Lake Laker Lines and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA).

Shakopee Transit and Prior Lake Laker Lines have been considering a merger with a larger, regional provider for several months. Studies suggest both transit services will experience a budget shortfall by 2017, which will make it difficult to maintain existing services, such as the Shakopee Route 496 circulator and BlueXpress commuter service, or offer new routes and buses. A merger may provide economies and efficiencies that will help to offset possible funding shortfalls.

Last fall, the City Council expressed interest in consolidating transit services with MVTA, which currently serves the communities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount and Savage. MVTA

provides local route service and express routes to downtown Minneapolis/St. Paul and the University of Minnesota. The merger of services would provide the opportunity for enhanced regional transit service for Scott County residents in the future.



Elected officials and staff from Shakopee, Prior Lake and MVTA cities have been meeting to discuss how the potential merger would work and create a joint powers agreement draft that will be taken back to the respective cities for approval in early summer.

The agreement will look at not only the financial ramifications of merging services, but also bus reassignment and new routes.

If the joint powers agreement and merger are approved, roll-out of the transit services is planned for the beginning of 2015.

Population 2040: 57,400

The Metropolitan Council released its updated Draft Local Forecasts last month and the numbers reinforce what city officials already know: The City of Shakopee will continue to grow.

The Council's forecast predicts Shakopee's population will increase to 57,400 by 2040. In 2010, the City's population was 37,076.

"Shakopee's affordable housing, thriving business community and wonderful quality of life continue to attract new residents," said Mayor Brad Tabke. "The City's challenge is to plan for the anticipated growth wisely, keeping in mind the long-term vision for the City."

Two residential development projects are currently underway – Dakota Crossings and Valley Creek Crossings – with another three plats possible later this year.

The report also estimates the number of households in the City to increase from 12,772 in 2010 to 21,500 in 2040.

News & Notes



Clean Up Day is April 26

Mark your calendar for the annual Clean Up Day from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26 at the Public Works building, 400 Gorman St. Residents of Shakopee, Jackson Township and Louisville Township can dispose of recyclable and non-recyclable refuse items for \$20 to \$30 per vehicle. Some items may have additional fees.

For a list of accepted and not-accepted items, visit www.ShakopeeMN.gov or watch for a flyer in your March Shakopee Public Utilities bill.

Bring donations for Bridging, Inc. to Clean Up Day event

Shakopee Rotary will collect donations of unwanted furniture and household items during the City's annual Clean Up Day from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26 on the north side of the Public Works building. Items needed include furniture, pillows, blankets, lamps, small appliances, dishes, bakeware, linens, flatware, pots/pans and specialty items for infants and children. Learn more at www.bridging.com. Schedule a pickup by calling Tim Whitcomb at (952) 445-6170.

Dial-A-Ride transit changes

As of April 1, Scott County SmartLink riders who use the Dial-A-Ride service may see a change in their options.

Due to the high cost of providing Dial-A-Ride services, the Metropolitan Council has determined that riders who live within six blocks of the Shakopee Circulator route will no longer be able to use the Dial-A-Ride service. They will now have to use the Circulator for their in-town transportation needs.

Dial-A-Ride is a shared-ride transit service, available only by reservation. The Shakopee Circulator is a daily, set-route transit service.

For questions, contact SmartLink Transit at (952) 496-8341.

ASK THE CITY: GARBAGE HAULER TRANSITION

What you need to know about June 1 transition to Republic Waste Services

On June 1, 2014, the City of Shakopee will begin using a new refuse and recycling hauler, Republic Waste Services, also known as Allied Waste Services. The move to Republic will include new City-owned refuse and recycling carts, a single-sort recycling system, collection rate changes and an every-other-week trash collection option.

Q: HOW OFTEN WILL REPUBLIC COLLECT MY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING?

Most residents will have their refuse collected every week; however, as a cost-savings option, extremely low-waste generating households may choose to have their garbage collected every-other week.

Recycling will be collected every-other week for all households.

Q: WILL MY COLLECTION DAY OF THE WEEK CHANGE?

Unless otherwise advised, collection days will remain the same for most Shakopee residents. Note: Recycling will move to an every-other-week schedule. More information will be posted at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/haulertransition as it becomes available.

Q: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY CURRENT CART AND BIN?

Dick's Sanitation will pick up their refuse carts and recycling bins following garbage collection the last week of May 2014. Customers have the option of retaining the (red or blue) recycling bins for their own storage use, but Republic will **NOT** pick up recycling from these bins.

Q: WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY NEW GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CARTS?

Each household will receive one garbage cart and one recycling cart. Republic will deliver these carts around the last week of May.

Exact dates will be provided on the City website closer to the transition.

Q: WHAT SIZE GARBAGE CART AND RECYCLING CART WILL I RECEIVE?

Customers will receive the same size garbage cart as you currently use.

For recycling carts, the standard size for single-family residences will be 95 gallons; townhomes will be a 65-gallon size. Both of these are larger than the current recycling bins. However, please keep in mind that recycling will be picked up every other week, rather than the current weekly schedule. You will have the opportunity to change cart sizes, but we recommend you try the issued cart for 90 days before requesting a change in size.

Q: WHAT COLOR ARE THE NEW CARTS?

All carts will be black, since it is the least expensive to purchase and contains the highest percentage of post-consumer plastic. In environmental terms, for garbage carts, black plastic is the "greenest." Colored lids will differentiate the recycling carts and will likely be yellow in color, due to higher visibility, lower costs and resistance to fading.

Q: HOW MUCH WILL I PAY PER MONTH?

Refuse collection will depend on the size of your garbage cart. Recycling collection is a flat rate.

Residential (1 to 4 plex) & Townhomes Monthly Cost			
	Refuse	Recycling	Total
35 gallon EOW	\$5.81	\$3.24	\$9.05
35 gallon	\$7.30	\$3.24	\$10.54
65 gallon	\$9.43	\$3.24	\$12.67
95 gallon	\$11.55	\$3.24	\$14.79

The above rates do not include the 9.75 percent State Solid Waste Management Tax or the City-imposed cart rental fee.

Unlike previous contracts, the new contract rates with Republic will equalize what single-family and townhouse residents pay for waste collection. In the past, single-family residents subsidized townhome

collection costs. Now, all residents will pay the same and recycling will be a flat rate, regardless of the cart size.

Q: HOW MUCH IS THE CART-RENTAL FEE?

The monthly cart fee is \$0.39 per cart and will added to your Republic bills.

Q: HOW DO I PAY MY BILL?

Property owners will receive their garbage bill quarterly from Republic. Residents can continue to pay their bill by mail. An online bill option will also be available.

Q: WHAT IS SINGLE-SORT RECYCLING?

Households place all recyclables in one designated cart. These wheeled, covered carts will be identical to your trash cart but with a different colored lid and instructions on the top. Single-sort recycling will expand the list of recyclable items to include all rigid plastic containers made from plastic resin types numbered 1 through 7, old boxboard and aseptic cartons, such as milk cartons and juice boxes.

Q: WILL REPUBLIC PICK UP YARD WASTE?

Yes. Republic will offer curbside yard waste removal on an annual subscription or a "on-call" basis. More information about costs will be available later this spring.

Q: WILL DICK'S SANITATION STILL COLLECT YARD WASTE THIS SPRING?

Yes. Dick's Sanitation will continue to pick up yard waste this spring in compostable bags or personal 30-gallon containers. You must schedule a pick up time.

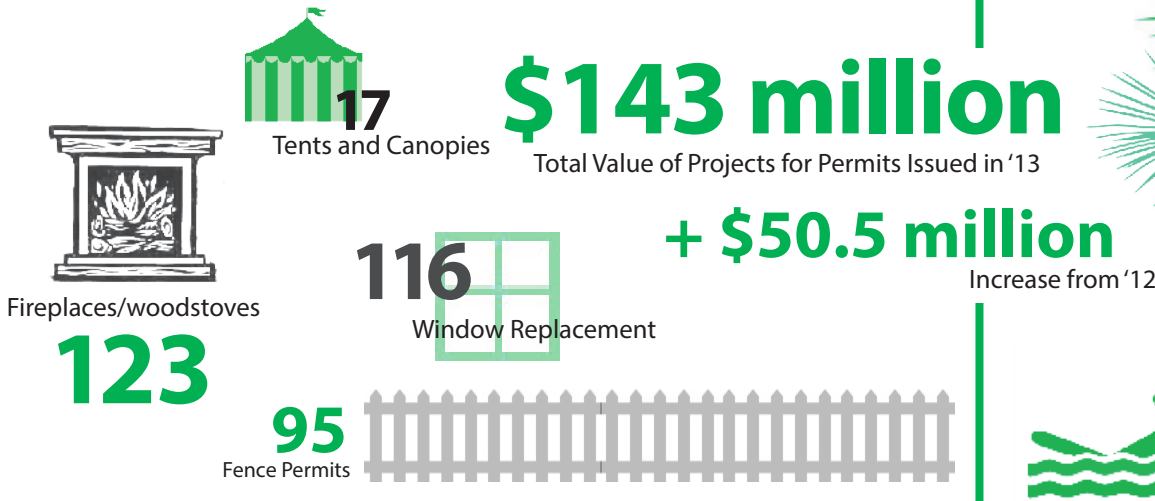
Have a question about the transition that wasn't answered here? Visit www.ShakopeeMN.gov/haulertransition to read additional frequently asked questions or submit your own.

City Permits

By the Numbers

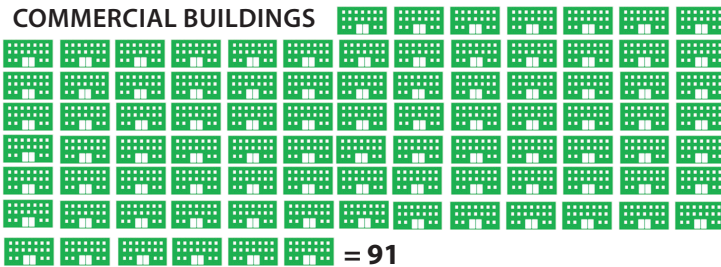
The City issues permits for a number of improvement projects, including building, fire, electrical, mechanical, water/sewer, fence and more. Permits ensure projects meet municipal, state and federal building and safety codes. In 2013, the City issued a total of 3,557 permits - about the same as the previous year. Here's a breakdown from 2013:

1. BASIC PLUMBING (364)
2. RE-ROOFING (354)
3. BASIC ELECTRICAL (157)
4. DECK (156)
5. BASEMENT ELECTRICAL (141)



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN '13

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS



SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES



CenterPoint to remove objects in pipeline easements

Contractors will be walking through some residents' yards this summer inspecting and performing maintenance work on CenterPoint Energy natural gas pipelines.

As required by state and federal regulations, CenterPoint will be removing trees, brush, fences, play equipment, ponds, landscaping and other objects illegally located in the pipeline easement. CenterPoint has a pipeline easement with maintenance rights above and on each side of its pipeline.

Inspections are expected to take place through the summer.

CenterPoint will notify affected property owners by letter before beginning work in a neighborhood.

Natural gas pipelines are marked by yellow signs every few hundred feet. For more information, contact Steve Hovland at (612) 919-3418.

In addition, Xcel Energy will also be clearing power line easements this summer, too. For information about Xcel's project, contact Mike Laffey at (612) 877-0587.



Chief's notes

The Shakopee Fire Department had a busy 2013. The Department responded to 584 emergency calls in 2013. The variety of calls ranged from structure fires to assisting people stuck in elevators to helping paramedics carry a patient to a waiting ambulance. The total number of calls was similar to 2012.

Firefighters responded to 81 calls where a fire had occurred, and of these, 12 were related to cooking activities. Cooking is the No. 1 cause of fires each year in Minnesota. Firefighters also assisted at 40 medical incidents, 21 vehicle crashes and 57 calls related to hazardous situations, such as fuel spills or possible natural gas leaks.

Many of the calls firefighters respond to are accidental in nature. Often someone is creating dust and sets off a fire alarm, or a person pushes the wrong button on an alarm system.

In 2013, Shakopee firefighters responded to 181 alarm calls that were either accidental or caused by equipment malfunction.

Most accidental alarms can be avoided by learning how fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and alarm systems operate. Maintenance of fire protection equipment can also reduce the number of accidental alarms and alarms due to equipment malfunction.

Residents should check smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms annually. You should also practice a home fire drill at least twice each year.

If you would like more safety information from the Shakopee Fire Department, check out the updated city website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/fire.



Shakopee Fire Chief
Rick Coleman

City's crime rate drops to lowest level in 20 years

When talking about crime, perception can often outweigh reality. A rash of burglaries or a high-profile incident can easily taint the public's opinion of their hometown.

However, numbers don't lie, and in 2013 the City of Shakopee recorded its lowest crime rate in at least 20 years. (The City's rate records only go back to 1995.)

"This is proof that Shakopee is a very safe community," said Police Chief Jeff Tate.

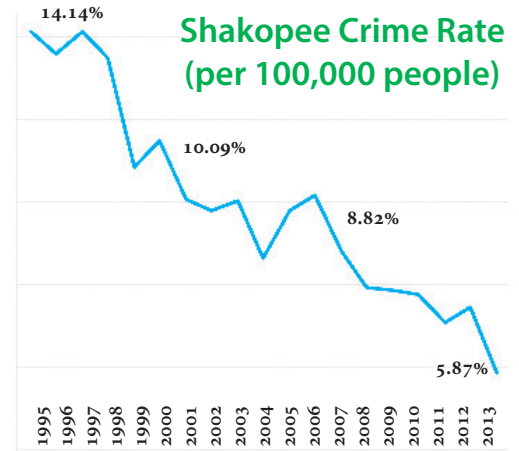
The City's crime rate, which reflects the number of crimes committed in Shakopee per 100,000 residents, was 5.87 percent in 2013, down from 7.47 percent in 2012. In 1995, the City's crime rate was more than 14 percent.

In total, the Police Department recorded 17,822 calls for service in 2013. Shakopee's highest number of calls came from U.S. Highway

169 which runs eight miles through the heart of the City. Most of the 962 calls were weather and accident related, noted Tate, adding that the City's multiple entertainment destinations also draw their share of calls. "It's good to keep this all in perspective."

No apartment complexes made the Department's Top 10 calls list. One reason could be the City's new rental registration ordinance.

"It's very telling and a real positive for the City that there is not one multi-housing complex in our top 10 calls for service," Tate said. "We hope to see that trend continue as more property owners and managers receive the required Crime Free Multi-Housing training and learn ways to maintain a safe environment."



TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

See the list on the City's website at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/police

Also of note is the continued decrease in total DWI arrests. The City recorded 135 adult and juvenile DWI arrests in 2013, down from 174 in 2012 and 363 in 2008.

Tate credits the reduction to aggressive enforcement and education over the years. For example, more people are opting for sober rides as evident by the increase in taxicab services in the City and the long wait times at downtown bars on Friday and Saturday nights.

"It appears that people are getting the message, at least locally," he said.

In 2013, most of the Department's calls for service involved civil matters, such as disputes and code violations. Only a third involved an actual crime.

The addition of a full-time Crime Prevention Specialist has also played a role by increasing crime prevention and education efforts, Tate said. The Department added

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Upcoming Crime Prevention Events

APRIL

BURGLARY PREVENTION

Learn what steps you can take to prevent burglaries at your home. Our Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design practitioner will discuss ways to design your property to be crime free.

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: Free; No registration required

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Learn the dangers of human trafficking and how to protect yourself and children.

When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24

Where: Prior Lake High School Auditorium, 7575 150th St. W., Savage

Cost: Free; No registration required

MAY

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION MEETING

Are you interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program in your area? Learn about Neighborhood Watch and how to start a group in your neighborhood.

When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: Free; No registration required

INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS

LOL, JK, C9, AFK... Do you know what these mean? This presentation will go over basic applications and websites that your child may be using and will provide tools to talk to your child about safe internet use.

When: 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 19

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: Free; No registration required

ANNUAL CHILD ID KIT GIVEAWAY

In honor of National Missing Children's Day (May 25), Shakopee Police will be handing out free child ID kits while supplies last. Pick up your kit during business hours.

When: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 19-23

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: Free; No registration required

JUNE

NIGHT TO UNITE REGISTRATION OPENS

Register your block party for Night to Unite.

When: Monday, June 2

Where: www.ShakopeeMN.gov/nighttounite

Cost: Free; Registration required*

CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PHASE I TRAINING

Learn how to actively manage your rental property and to minimize crime. This training is required for rental properties.

When: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: \$25; Registration required*

ST. FRANCIS BABY FAIR

Come see our booth at St. Francis Baby Fair and get your car seat checked for safety.

When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 14

Where: Shakopee High School, 100 W. 17th Ave.

Cost: Free; no registration required

JULY

DERBY DAYS BUSINESS EXPO

Come see our booth at the Shakopee Derby Days' Business Fair.

When: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 31

Where: Huber Park, 150 Fillmore St. N.

Cost: Free; No registration required

AUGUST



Photo by Tomei Photography, April Tomei

NIGHT TO UNITE

Residents are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening with neighbors. Many neighborhoods host special events, such as block parties, cookouts, visits from the Police, Fire and Public Works departments, youth contests and raffles.

When: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5

Cost: Free; No registration required

CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PHASE I TRAINING

Learn how to actively manage your rental property and to minimize crime. This training is required for rental properties.

When: 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19 (You must attend both classes.)

Where: Shakopee Police Department Community Room, 475 Gorman St.

Cost: \$25; Registration required*

**To register for an event, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (952) 233-9441 or visit the City of Shakopee's online calendar at www.shakopeemn.gov/calendar.*

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Twitter and Facebook accounts last year, which together have more than 1,600 followers and are used to share public safety information.

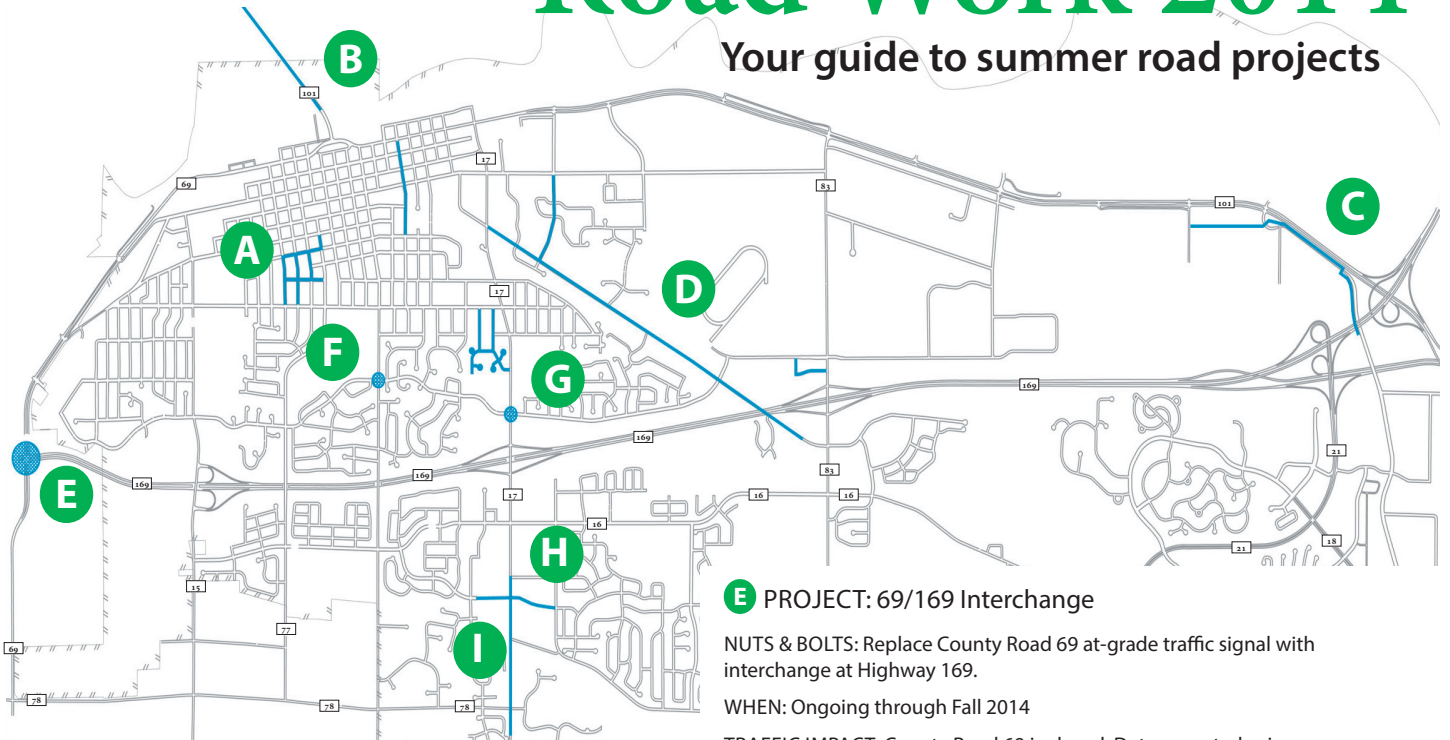
The Police Department did respond to a handful of high-profile incidents in 2013, including two homicides, neither of which were

random and both involved money and narcotics. Suspects were apprehended in both incidents.

"Overall, it's been a good year," Tate said. "Our officers built several quality cases in 2013 that were successfully brought for prosecution, and we, as a Department, remain focused on keeping Shakopee a safe community for all."

Road Work 2014

Your guide to summer road projects



Keep informed of projects at www.ShakopeeMN.gov/roadprojects.

A PROJECT: Street Reconstruction

NUTS & BOLTS: Replace aging pipes and lay new pavement, curb and gutter on portions of Seventh Avenue, Shakopee Avenue, Apgar Street, Scott Street, Atwood Street and Fuller Street.

WHEN: Summer

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Roads are closed during portions of project.

B PROJECT: 101/61 Southwest Reconstruction

NUTS & BOLTS: Build a new four-lane, above-floodplain Highway 101 bridge; change the Y-intersection to a roundabout; add a bicycle/pedestrian trail.

WHEN: Summer 2014-Fall 2015

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Current crossing expected to remain open through project duration. However, road closures are likely on Carver County Road 61.

C PROJECT: East Shakopee Industrial Sewer

NUTS & BOLTS: Extend sanitary sewer to properties along County Road 101 and Stagecoach Drive.

WHEN: Spring-Summer

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Minimal traffic impact on Stagecoach Drive.

D PROJECT: Street Overlays

NUTS & BOLTS: Overlay new pavement on Eagle Creek Boulevard, Sarazin Street and Prairie Lane; redo Eagle Creek trail and add street lights.

WHEN: Summer

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Roads are closed during portions of project.

E PROJECT: 69/169 Interchange

NUTS & BOLTS: Replace County Road 69 at-grade traffic signal with interchange at Highway 169.

WHEN: Ongoing through Fall 2014

TRAFFIC IMPACT: County Road 69 is closed. Detour posted using Marystown Road and Vierling Drive.

F PROJECT: Mini-Roundabout

NUTS & BOLTS: Replace four-way stop with mini-roundabout.

WHEN: June

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Intersection will be closed up to three weeks.

G PROJECT: Marschall Road/Vierling Drive Intersection & Highway 169 Ramp

NUTS & BOLTS: Add second left-turn lane from Marschall Road to Vierling Drive; add second turn-lane on 169 southbound exit ramp; add traffic signal at Tasha Boulevard.

WHEN: July 1 through early October

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Vierling Drive and Marschall Road will remain open during the project, but lane closures are likely. Expect traffic delays.

H PROJECT: Valley View Road Extension

NUTS & BOLTS: Extend road from Sarazin Street to Evergreen Lane; make Mooers Avenue a one-way.

WHEN: Ongoing through Summer 2014

TRAFFIC IMPACT: None

I PROJECT: County Roads 17/78 Reconstruction

NUTS & BOLTS: Reconstruct Marschall Road to a four-lane urban highway and update a portion of County Road 78.

WHEN: Ongoing through Summer 2014

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Minimal lane closures and restrictions.